

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN W. WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

BEER, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00155-KES-EPG (PC)

ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE FILING

(ECF No. 99)

Plaintiff John W. Williams is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* in this case, which proceeds on his Eighth Amendment excessive force claim against Defendant Oaks; Eighth Amendment failure to protect claim against Defendant Pascoe; Eighth Amendment sexual assault claim against Defendant Oaks; and Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs against Defendants Oaks, Pascoe, Riddle, Beer, Garcia, and Cubos. (ECF No. 25).

Plaintiff has filed a notice stating that, whenever he sends out “confidential legal mail to the Court in accordance with prison rules, the prison mailroom reject[s] the legal correspondence” with a notation of “no such Judge listed on file.” (ECF No. 99, p. 1).<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff includes an attachment titled “Confidence Correspondence Rejection Notice” from Mule Creek State Prison, which is consistent with Plaintiff’s description. It states that some unspecified correspondence was not mailed because “[t]his is not addressed to a qualified confidential correspondent. Please

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<sup>1</sup> The Court has made minor notations to some quotations in this order without indicating each change.

1 ensure your addressee meets the specified requirements found at Title 15 §3141 and §3142.”<sup>2</sup>

2 And it includes the notation “no such judge listed on file.”

3 The Court is concerned about Plaintiff’s notice, especially the notation “no such judge  
4 listed on file” and wishes to ensure that the prison has an accurate record of this Court and the  
5 name of the Judges on this case, *i.e.*, District Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Erica P.  
6 Grosjean.

7 Thus, the Court will require Defendants to respond to Plaintiff’s notice and will also send  
8 a copy of this order to the Litigation Coordinator at Plaintiff’s prison.

9 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- 10 1. Defendants shall file a response to Plaintiff’s notice filing (ECF No. 99) by no  
11 later than August 15, 2025.  
12 2. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to the Litigation  
13 Coordinator at Mule Creek State Prison.

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: July 23, 2025

16 /s/ *Erica P. Grosjean*  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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28 <sup>2</sup> 15 CCR § 3141(c) provides that prisoners may send confidential mail to multiple persons and entities,  
including “[a]ll state and federal judges and courts.”